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"INSIDE" AT A GLANCE

USDA responds to JCP's proposed changes in government printing and binding regulations; agencies concerned about administrative burden...Massachusetts names three Extension Service area communications specialists...more information job vacancies announced in USDA agencies, elsewhere...read on.

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USDA RESPONDS TO JCP PRINT/BINDING RULES

The principal concerns USDA agencies expressed about the proposed changes in the "Government Printing and Binding Regulations" were quantities of impressions allowed, electronic printing and reporting of printing.

While the Joint Committee on Printing is proposing to reduce the total impressions per job for in-house printing, it also authorizes the central printing and publications management organization within the Department to grant waivers without going to JCP. Central printing and publications management in USDA is handled by GPA's assistant public affairs director for graphic arts, David Sutton.

JCP views electronic printing to be the high speed electrostatic, thermal or other copying processes (xerography). The committee does not include word processing or computer peripherals in its definition of electronic printing.

Sutton says most USDA agencies expressed concern about the added administrative burdens for reports which JCP will require. While GPA concurs with the agencies, Sutton suggests that this is something which will have to be worked out.

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MASS. NAMES THREE INFO SPECIALISTS

The Massachusetts Cooperative Extension Service now has three area communications specialists, according to Myra Lenburg, coordinator of communications and staff development in the College of Food and Natural Resources at the University of Massachusetts. The three are: Jan MacKenzie at Concord, and John Lee and Dennis Roach at Boston (with Roach handling mostly urban gardening information). We're happy to add all three to our distribution of "Inside Information."

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MORE INFO POSITION
VACANCIES REPORTED

A GS-13 supervisory writer-editor position in the popular publications unit of USDA's Science and Education Administration has been announced. The incumbent will monitor production and processing of USDA series of popular publications originating in SEA. For more information, contact Frank W. Aaron in SEA's Personnel Branch, (301) 344-3402. Deadline for applications is December 22, 1980.

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has announced a GS-9 or GS-11 public information specialist position. The job will be in the plant protection and quarantine programs branch of APHIS information division in Washington, and involves wide variety of information skills for press, radio and television, exhibits, audiovisual and other media outlets. Contact Loretta Germann, APHIS Human Resources Division, (301) 436-6454. Deadline for applications is December 22, 1980.

USDA's Rural Electrification Administration has announced opening for a GS-13 public information specialist in Washington, D.C., who would plan, research and prepare speeches and formal statements for key agency officials. Contact Rose Mary Rowland, REA Personnel Division, (202) 447-2734. Deadline for applications is December 29.

USDA's Forest Service has opening for a GS-9 or GS-11 public information specialist to direct visitor information service in Chugach National Forest at Anchorage, Alaska. Contact the Chugach Forest personnel officer, (907) 279-5541. Deadline for applications is December 29.

A GS-7 visual information specialist position has been announced by the Federal Management Agency. The job requires layout and design slide and videotape shows, some printed material and writing. Contact Clay Holister, (202) 634-7663.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Finally, "Inside Information" will be taking a holiday break for 2 or 3 weeks. Next issue should come your way sometime in early January. In the meantime, hope you and yours have the best of holidays!